

Venice Neighborhood Council

Motion:

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Committee: Rules and Elections

TITLE: **New Standing Rule--Information Gathering by Committees**

PURPOSE: To codify the information gathering powers of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

BACKGROUND: Reaching out to our community to get input into our decisions is as fundamental to the role of the VNC as it gets. However, as there is an ongoing dispute concerning the ability of committees to engage in these vital information gathering activities, it is important to codify this central committee function so as to allow committees to properly gather the information necessary in order to create thoughtful board recommendations that have sufficient community input.

THE MOTION: Committees shall have free reign to gather information, and thus the creation and distribution of information-gathering instruments including but not limited to questionnaires, surveys, and community polling should be understood to be an independent committee function that does not require prior board approval.

The results of such information gathering activities shall be reported to the Board as part of the committee's regular reporting function. Nothing in this rule authorizes a committee to represent that any such item reflects the official position or action of the VNC Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: _____ (File Name)

ACTIONS:

Committee Vote: ___ 4 ___ (YEA) ___ 0 ___ (NO) ___ 0 ___ (ABSTAIN)

Heard by VNC Board on: _____ **Moved by:** _____ **Seconded by:** _____
Board Vote: ___ ___ (YEA) ___ ___ (NO) ___ ___ (ABSTAIN)